



FAIR POLITICAL PRACTICES COMMISSION

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FPPC to Hold Symposium on Future of Political Reform

On Thursday, April 19, 2012, the California Fair Political Practices Commission (FPPC) and the University of Southern California will host a Symposium entitled “Rethinking Campaign Finance Reform and Disclosure” at the Sheraton Grand Sacramento, 1230 J Street, Sacramento, from 8:30 AM to 12:45 PM. Governor Edmund G. Brown Jr. has been invited to give the opening remarks.

The one-half-day program is comprised of legal scholars, practitioners and policy experts, and centers around political reform through campaign finance disclosure and regulation. The program will be shaped by recent jurisdictional and legislative developments, particularly the *Citizens United* ruling by the United States Supreme Court.

The Symposium will begin after remarks from Governor Edmund G. Brown Jr. with two interlocking panels. The first panel, “Legal Landscapes” will frame legal and constitutional considerations of campaign finance and regulation. The second panel, “Campaign Policy and Politics: A View from the Inside” shares applied perspectives from both politicians and political experts. These combined perspectives will assess the current legal and political landscapes, consider what the future may hold, and inform future policy development.

PANELISTS*

Opening Remarks: Governor Edmund G. Brown Jr. (invited)

Symposium Moderators:

Ann Ravel
Chair, California Fair Political Practices Commission

Juliet Ann Musso
Houston Flournoy Professor of State Government and Associate Director of the USC Master of Public Administration, Sacramento Program, University of Southern California

Panel 1: Legal Landscapes:

Chair: Elizabeth Garrett
Frances R. and John J. Duggan Professor of Law, Political Science and Public Policy Provost
University of Southern California

Panelists:

Richard Briffault
Joseph P. Chamberlain Professor of Legislation
Columbia Law School

Bradley Smith
Josiah H. Blackmore II and Shirley M. Nault Designated Professor of Law
Capital University

Panel 2: Campaign Policy and Politics--A View from the Inside:

Moderator: Joe Mathews
Author and Irvine Senior Fellow, New America Foundation

Panelists:

Ben Barr
Senior Fellow, Goldwater Institute

Willie Brown
Former Speaker of the California State Assembly and former Mayor, City of San Francisco

Dan Morain
Political Affairs Columnist and Editorial Writer, Sacramento Bee

*Confirmed as March 21, 2012

AGENDA

8:00 to 8:30 AM--**Registration**

8:30 to 9:00 AM--**Welcome and Introductions**

9:00 to 10:30 AM--**Panel 1: Legal Landscapes**

10:30 to 11:00 AM --**Break**

11:00 AM to 12:30 PM--**Panel 2: Campaign Policy and Politics--A View from the Inside**

12:30 to 12:45 PM--**Closing**